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iNACOL to Host Webinar: The Evolution of Online Language Arts Resources

VIENNA, VA, September 14, 2010 – The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) will be hosting a Teacher Talk webinar on “The Evolution of Online Language Arts Resources” to examine the emerging future of digital curriculum resources for online language arts teachers and issues surrounding multimedia literacy. During the webinar, participants will examine a digital novel utilizing multimedia, text, sound, images and gaming in storytelling. The presenters will share new methods for teachers and new approaches for reaching students in critically analyzing online literature within new models of teaching and learning.

This webinar will explore digital content in broadening the spectrum of learning language arts. Digital storytelling or new media writing is impacted by unprecedented access to works using a variety of multimedia and mobile learning technologies, such as web-enabled phones, may recontextualize writing, reading and communicating point of views around digital stories. This webinar will discuss the evolution of online language arts resources and explore ways to utilize multimedia in ways never before possible in printed books.

According to Susan Patrick, President and CEO of iNACOL, “Today’s students are ready for learning beyond textbooks. Digital content and technologies are transforming learning as information communications and technologies are impacting society itself in ways that are still unfolding. Teachers and students need new media literacy skills to analyze a new cadre of online content and resources and the impact on language arts as a field. Online learning and digital curricula broaden the access and depth for student learning and the evolution of educational materials need to be embraced in order to offer students the world class education they deserve.”

Speakers include Bruce Friend, Director, SAS® Curriculum Pathways®, SAS Institute, and John Warren, Director of Marketing, Publications, RAND Corporation.

This webinar is part of iNACOL Teacher Talk series and will be held Thursday, September 16th, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Eastern) via Elluminate. Please register online: <http://www.inacol.org/events/>. Pricing is available for members and non-members. Press may attend free of charge by contacting iNACOL’s Associate Director of Communications Wendy Fleming (wfleming@inacol.org).

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About iNACOL

iNACOL is the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, a non-profit 501(c)(3) membership association based in the Washington, DC area with more than 3,200 members. iNACOL is unique in that its members represent a diverse cross-section of K-12 education from school districts, charter schools, state education agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities and research institutions, corporate entities and other content and technology providers (www.inacol.org). iNACOL

hosts the annual Virtual School Symposium (VSS). VSS 2010 is being held Nov. 14 – 16, 2010 in Glendale, AZ (www.virtualschoolsymposium.org).